



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
9 August 2018



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Richard Carr, Vito Ferraro, Pete Holleran, Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Chuck Loomis, Ron Milberg, Josh Morimoto, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such.

Guests: Anthony Morgan, Kargo Gleikiah, Tim Hood, Todd Pettibon, Jennifer Rios.

General Meeting. The meeting was at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Station 6.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:37 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Konold delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed our guests and prospective members.

New Members. Five new candidates presented short introductions about themselves. Anthony "Tony" Morgan, a Legionnaire transferring-in (Army); Kargo Gleikiah, a new member (Marine Corps); Tim Hood, a new member (Marine Corps); Jennifer Rios, a new member (Army); and Todd Pettibon, a new member (Navy). After discussion the members in attendance voted unanimously for the membership of all five candidates in Post 2001. Welcome to Post 2001!.

Commander Comments. Commander Loomis presented opening comments and ask that we all keep our comrade, Ken Canterbury, in our thoughts and prayers with the passing of his wife, Judy Marlene Talbott Canterbury.

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson noted that the minutes from July, had been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

Adjutant Comments. Adjutant Larson noted that the membership drive for 2019 was now active. Please renew your membership for 2019 now and help us get to 100 percent by the end of December. Also, Post 2001 received a thank you from Matthew Kim for sponsoring him for the Boys State program this past summer.

Finance Officer. Comrade Ryan presented the finance report through 31 July 2018. A member moved to accept the report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. Comrade Ryan noted our Post's continued support for local veterans and cited several examples where Post assisted veterans recently.

Third Vice Commander. Not in attendance. Commander Loomis noted that we are looking for a Legionnaire to assist with the Post Baseball Committee.

First Vice Commander. First Vice Commander Bob O'Such welcomed our new members. He discussed the Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans and asked for volunteers to assist. He also noted that Post is looking for Legionnaires to become Veteran Service Officers to assist with processing claims and work on issues with veterans in need.



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Continuing Business.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen provided a short summary of the Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans that will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. The next meeting is on 22 August at Ashby Ponds to coordinate our efforts. If you can give some time to help plan the event or participate the day of the event, please advise the Post leadership (alpost2001@gmail.com). This has great potential for raising funds for the veteran support activities provided by Post 2001 and needs your support!

Boy Scout Program. Commander Loomis noted that Comrade Scott Morse is our new representative. Commander Loomis thanked Bruce Biggs for his work on the program up to this point.

Flag Retirement Ceremony. First Vice Commander O'Such gave a summary of the past Flag Retirement Ceremony and future plans.

Adopt-A-Highway Program. Comrade Ron Milberg discussed the Post 2001 adopted highway (along Claiborne Parkway). We will conduct a litter patrol on our section on Saturday 11 August at 08:30 beginning at the parking lot by McDonalds at Junction Plaza (intersection of Claiborne Parkway and Ashburn Farm Parkway).

Coordinator for Honor Flight Top of Virginia. Commander Loomis provided details on this program that is designed to take local Veterans to the war memorials in Washington, DC. This is complimentary to the Honor Flight program and uses bus transportation for our local Veterans to give them a similar experience to the Honor Flight program that flies Veterans from other states to the area. Post needs volunteers for this program. Legionnaire Josh Morimoto is working the details of this program. He noted that Veterans from World War II or the Korean War need a "guardian" to accompany them on the program. For other Veterans, it is one "guardian" for a group. If we have 20 Veterans from the area, the program will provide a bus to transport everyone.

Second Vice Commander. Legionnaire Joe Scalione noted that he had obtained the high-visibility vests for the Adopt-A-Highway program with the Legion logo. Also, he provided a summary of the Veteran Service Officer support at the Department of Virginia annual convention in July.

New Business.

Post Meeting Format. Commander Loomis noted that the Post Executive Committee is looking at alternatives to the current monthly meeting format and moving to more social type meetings for two of the three meetings each quarter.

Fund Raising. Legionnaire Josh Morimoto asked for Legionnaires to assist him with fund raising efforts. He needs assistance to make calls to businesses such as medical services companies, legal services companies, and others, to solicit funding support for the Loudoun Salute event.



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For the Good of the Legion.

Tricare Dental. One Legionnaire asked if anyone had information on the status of the Tricare Dental Program. Tricare had announced that the program is ending, and other programs will replace it. See Final Announcements in our meeting agenda for contact link

Other Business.

Tim Hood gave a short briefing on his duties at the Commonwealth of Virginia Veterans Services Office. He is personally involved in one-on-one peer support. The office provides many other services as well. The Loudoun Benefits Office is located at 44345 Premier Plaza, Suite 200, Building 2, Ashburn, VA 20147. More info at: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/locations/loudoun-benefits-office>

Closing. At 20:50 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Konold delivered the closing prayer. Commander Loomis conducted the closing, and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 13 September 2018, at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Station 6, 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147.

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Honor Flights: <https://heroeswelcomeiad.com>

Sierra Club Military Outdoors: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/military>